

### --- “Series of 1883” - Twenty Pounds - Green - COUPON Stamps ---

Chris Ryan in the “Canadian Revenue Newsletter”, No. 41, of March 2003, reports that the 20 pound denomination was one of the original denominations in the “Series of 1883” introduced on July 1st. Thus the initial printing can be found on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove.

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The catalogue lists the recess printed twenty pound, green, “Series of 1883” coupon stamps as follows:

- RM-278c** - 20 pounds, green, perf 12, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue controls, *long wreath* - with nine ½ pound coupons and an **188**\_ stub
- RM-280†** - 20 pounds, green, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. *red controls*, *wreath unknown* - with nine ½ pound coupons and an **188**\_ stub - **WANTED!**
- RM-279** - 20 pounds, green, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue controls, *short wreath* - with nine ½ pound coupons and an **188**\_ stub
- RM-281** - 20 pounds, green, perf 12, on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 5 mm. blue controls, *short wreath* - with nine ½ pound coupons and an **189**\_ stub
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<b>3rd BABN Contract</b> (1878-1886)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 24,000 copies of “20 lb., Green, Coupon” stamps; printed by hand press.
<b>4th BABN Contract</b> (1886-1892)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 70,750 copies of “20 lb., Green, Coupon” stamps; printed by hand press.
<b>5th BABN Contract</b> (1892-1897)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 47,750 copies of “20 lb., Green, Coupon” stamps; 35,250 by hand press + 12,500 by rotary press
<b>5th BABN Supplement</b> (1897-1898)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 29,180 copies of “20 lb., Green, Coupon” stamps; 4,180 by hand press + 25,000 by rotary press

134,180 by hand press + 37,500 by rotary press = 171,680 total

These last stamps had been printed under the **5th BABN Contract** and remained in stock when BABN lost the printing contract to ABN in 1897. By mutual agreement they were available to the Department while ABN worked ‘up-to-speed’ with the die preparation and the printing of the “Series of 1897”.

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### --- The “theoretical” control number range on the 20 pound green Coupon stamp ---

<b>3rd BABN Contract</b>	24,000	<b>000001</b> to <b>024000</b>
<b>4th BABN Contract</b>	70,750	<b>024001</b> to <b>094750</b>
<b>5th BABN Contract</b>	47,750	<b>094751</b> to <b>142500</b>
<b>5th BABN Supplement</b>	<u>29,180</u>	<b>142501</b> to <b>171680</b>
	171,680	

### --- The “actual” control number range on the 20 pound green Coupon stamp, as recorded to date ---

20 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>block wmkd</i> wove - 4 mm. blue controls	- no numbered copies
20 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> wove - 4 mm. <i>red</i> controls	- no copy
20 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> wove - 4 mm. blue controls	- <b>081232</b> a single copy
20 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> wove - 5 mm. blue controls	- <b>125503</b> to <b>125998</b>

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--- RM-278c - Twenty Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Green - 3rd BABN Contract (1883-1886) ---

--- Recess printed in Montreal on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue control numbers ---

--- Perforated 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus ten ½ pound coupons and an *188\_* stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait - scanned at 200% scale ---



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*long wreath* - with nine ½ pound coupons and an *188\_* stub

--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 20 pound green Coupon stamp ---

3rd BABN Contract

24,000

000001 to 024000

The collection *does not contain* a control-numbered copy of the twenty pound green stamp printed under the **3rd BABN Contract** on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove. **WANTED!** The *control-free* stamp is illustrated below:



★RM-278cn - 20 pounds, green, perforated 12, CWCS, without control numbering,  
on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove, with ten 1/2 pound coupons, and an *188\_* stub

--- Recess printed in Montreal on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. violet Gothic controls ---

All of the stamps bearing 4 mm. Gothic *violet control numbers* seem to come from the “Series of 1883”. In a similar parallel, all of the stamps with 5 mm. Roman light blue controls seem to come from the “Series of 1880-81”. I feel that these were prepared by BABN for Philatelic Exhibitions in 1880-81, and in the mid-1880’s. Some can be found on *block wmkd* paper which indicates that they were from 1883-84.

There are a couple dozen examples in the collection most of which came from the “Ferrari” collection purchased from Erling van Dam. None of the other stamps in the “Ferrari” collection dated from later than 1900. It is possible that these stamps were from special “Presentation” sets prepared for prominent philatelists.



★ 20 pounds, green, perf 12, CWC, with purple 4 mm. Gothic control **490314**,  
on *block wmkd* wove paper - with ten 1/2 pound coupons

--- RM-279 - Twenty Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Green - 4th BABN Contract - 1886-92 ---

--- Recess printed in Montreal on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue controls ---

--- Perforated 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus coupons and stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *short wreath* around the Queen’s portrait - scanned at 200% scale ---



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The catalogue lists this recess printed twenty pound, green, “Series of 1883” coupon stamp as follows:

**RM-279** - 20 pounds, green, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue controls, *short wreath* - with nine ½ pound coupons and an *188\_* stub

--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 20 pound green Coupon stamp ---

4th BABN Contract

70,750

024001 to 094750

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★**RM-279** - 20 pounds, green, perf 12, with 4 mm. blue control number **081232**, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove, roller cancelled **TOBACCO / 1-14** by “A. M. Rivard Tobacco”, Joliette, P.Q.

**081232** ★

RM-279

used at 21 pounds, green, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove, roller cancelled **TOBACCO / 1-14** by “A. M. Rivard”, Joliette, P.Q.

I am unsure of the date on the stub for **RM-279**. I have listed this as *188\_*, but since the stamp introduces the *short wreath* around the Queen’s portrait, since the **4th BABN Contract** extended into 1892, the stub date may read as *189\_*.

It is quite possible that the *unwmkd* stamp occurs on horizontal mesh wove with the *long wreath* plus the *188\_* stub, plus the *short wreath* with an *189\_* stub.

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--- RM-281 - Twenty Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Green - 5th BABN Contract - 1892-97 ---

--- Recess printed in Ottawa on *unwmkd vertical* mesh wove - with 5 mm. blue control numbers ---

--- Perforated 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus ten ½ pound coupons and an 189\_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *short wreath* around the Queen’s portrait ---

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RM-281 - 20 pounds, green, perf 12, on *unwmkd vertical* mesh wove - with 5 mm. blue controls,  
*short wreath* - with nine ½ pound coupons and an 189\_ stub

--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 20 pound green Coupon stamp ---

5th BABN Contract

47,750

094751 to 142500



★RM-281 CP - 20 pounds, green, perf 12, CWCS, with 5 mm. blue control number 125998,  
on *unwmkd vertical* mesh wove - with ten 1/2 pound coupons,  
and an 189\_ stub - stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic

125503 ★	RM-281	20 pounds, green, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd vertical</i> mesh wove
125504	RM-281 CP	20 pounds, green, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd vertical</i> mesh wove, with ten ½ pound coupons - stamped <b>CANCELLED</b>
125507 ★	RM-281 CP	20 pounds, green, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd vertical</i> mesh wove, with ten ½ pound coupons - stamped <b>CANCELLED</b>
125998 ★	RM-281 CP	20 pounds, green, perf 12, CWCS, on <i>unwmkd vertical</i> mesh wove, with ten ½ pound coupons, and an 189_ stub, stamped <b>CANCELLED</b> in 3 mm. Gothic

The collection *does not* contain a copy of the twenty pound stamp ‘delivered’ under the 5th ABN Supplement.

--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 20 pound green Coupon stamp ---

5th BABN Supplement

29,180

142501 to 171680

These final copies, were actually printed under the 5th BABN Contract, and had remained in stock when BABN lost the printing contract to ABN in 1897. By mutual agreement they were available to the Inland Revenue Department while ABN worked ‘up-to-speed’ with the die preparation and the printing of the “Series of 1897”.